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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
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Room 1061  
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Dear Sirs:

We would like to request that rose-geranium oil be included in the section 127 of the FDA modernization act of 1997 regarding pharmacy compounding.

Of note, this is a naturally occurring oil that is mixed with sesame oil and used as a spray for people's noses to help with moisturization and humidification. We have used it for over 20 years at the Mayo Clinic without incidence. It is really a "topical" application as it is not instilled and does not really get absorbed.

Please include this in list of approved drug substances so that we can continue to use this in our compounded formula for nasal moisturization.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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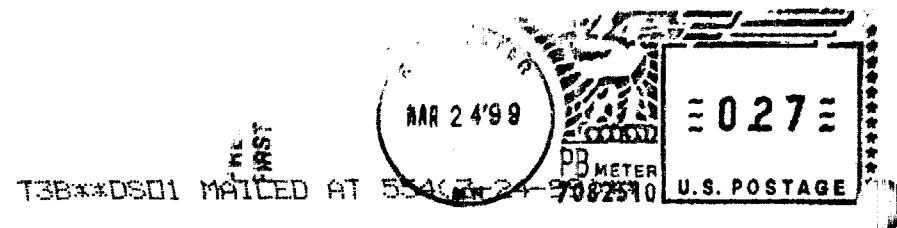
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